

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING THE CITY AND
PEOPLE OF PORTAGE, WISCONSIN

HON. TAMMY BALDWIN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 5, 2001

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the City and people of Portage, Wisconsin, and their annual celebration of the life and work of Zona Gale (1874–1938), a leader of the women's suffrage movement, civil and minority rights advocate, poet, journalist, Pulitzer Prize winning playwright, novelist, University of Wisconsin Regent, and community leader.

As a leading suffragette, Zona Gale, who was born on August 26, 1874 in Portage, took an active role in the creation of the Wisconsin Equal Rights Law, which prohibits discrimination against women. While the original intent of the law was to implement the federal suffrage amendment in Wisconsin, in fact, the law went well beyond women's suffrage as it stated, "Women shall have the same rights and privileges under the law as men in the exercise of suffrage, freedom of contract, choice of residence for voting purposes, jury service, holding office, holding and conveying property, care and custody of children, and in all other respects." The law was upheld in Wisconsin's courts, and Wisconsin women were among the first in the nation to gain fully equal legal standing with men.

As a writer, Zona Gale achieved early prominence as a novelist, later winning the Pulitzer Prize for drama in 1921 at her career's zenith with "Miss Lulu Bett" (1920), a village comedy depicting a single woman's attempts at self-assertion in a small town—a loosely fictionalized Portage.

Portage hosts its annual celebration each August remembering Zona Gale and her remarkable contributions. Of special note in Portage's work to remember Zona Gale is Blanche Murtagh, Project Director for Friendship Village Celebrates Zona Gale, who continues to lead these recognition efforts. Among the many who also continue to continue to this important effort are Edward Rebholz, President of the Portage Historical Society; Hans Jensen, Director of the Portage Public Library; Nan Rebholz, President of the Women's Civic League; Sandra Gunderson, President of the Zona Gale Center of the Arts; Irene Ludlum, President of the Portage Area Community Theater; and Ken Jahn, Director of the Portage Area Chamber of Commerce. These community leaders, and the citizens of Portage—Friendship Village as Zona Gale called it—are to be commended for their work in ensuring that the pioneering Zona Gale continues to be remembered for her greatness in American history.

CELEBRATING THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF EL PROYECTO DEL
BARRIO

HON. HILDA L. SOLIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. SOLIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and congratulate a very special non-profit organization—El Proyecto del Barrio—on its 30th anniversary.

Founded in 1971, El Proyecto del Barrio has become the San Fernando Valley's leading agency for providing comprehensive community health and human services to Latinos and other economically disadvantaged populations. El Proyecto has demonstrated excellence in delivering primary healthcare services, substance abuse treatment, youth services and employment and training services to the community. El Proyecto's work in caring for the "whole person" has been honored regionally and nationally.

El Proyecto's capability to implement programs has been demonstrated during its 30-year history of developing and implementing culturally appropriate programs designed to serve the target population. This is evident by El Proyecto's most recent accomplishments. Since 1998, El Proyecto has constructed and opened the Mark Taper Center for a Healthy Community, located in Winnetka, CA. The Center houses the El Proyecto primary health care clinic, which provides 36,000 medical visits per year. The Center also houses the El Proyecto Youth Opportunities program, the Perinatal Service Center and the Family Development Network. Also, El Proyecto has developed and opened two new facilities—the Sun Valley One-stop Center in 1999 and the Youth Opportunity Program in 2000.

Once again, I congratulate and commend the staff and supporters of El Proyecto del Barrio for their commitment to providing comprehensive community health services and for serving the Latino and other economically disadvantaged youth and adults of the San Fernando Valley.

HONORING HELEN SHORROCK

HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

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Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the life of a former constituent, Helen Shorrock, who passed from this life August 3, 2001 in Claremont, California. Helen led an exemplary life and died surrounded by her loving family.

Mrs. Shorrock will long be remembered for many reasons. She was an early student of

theology and was ordained in an era when few women entered Christian ministry. She and her husband raised a remarkable family. And, having spent many years in Japan, she and her husband developed strong ties to the culture and built many bridges of understanding, especially in the area of higher education.

But I rise to honor the legacy of Helen Shorrock as an exemplary teacher and educator in the public schools of my Congressional District, in Santa Barbara, California. In particular she will be remembered for establishing a School-Age Parenting and Infant Development program at Santa Barbara High School. This program is called the PACE Center (Parent and Child Enrichment Program) and it has significantly impacted the lives of hundreds of teenagers and their children in our community.

Mr. Speaker, in the years proceeding my becoming a Member of Congress, I succeeded Helen Shorrock as Director of the PACE Center. I know very well the quality of the program she developed and know firsthand the lives that were forever changed in such a positive direction. With loving skill she established the highest level of prenatal care, educational goals and a child development center of exceptional quality.

As a result, healthy babies were born, parenting skills were taught, and teen parents not only stayed in school but graduated and, in record numbers, went on to college and careers. What Helen Shorrock began continues to be a model program. Her memory will long be honored by the productive lives of generations of students to come.

140TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
FARMERS & MERCHANTS UNION
BANK IN COLUMBUS, WISCONSIN

HON. TAMMY BALDWIN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 5, 2001

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 140th Anniversary of the Farmers & Merchants Union Bank in Columbus, Wisconsin. The bank began business 140 years ago, and became nationally recognized when it moved into its new, current home in 1919. With its famous structure designed by the great American architect from the Midwest, Louis Sullivan, the bank is a cornerstone of the city of Columbus.

It is remarkable that this small bank has been able to retain its independence through the tumultuous 19th and 20th centuries to the modern era of megalithic corporate banking, the New Economy, and the information age. In 1861, when the bank first began, the United States was a very different place from now. Abraham Lincoln was President, and the Civil War between the states was in its infancy.

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